



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**  
MAY 8, 2009

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's most valuable resource is our children, and their working parents are the backbone of our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, available, quality child care is vital to children and their working parents, and has a direct impact on the economy of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, of the 21 million children under age 6 in America, 13 million are in child care at least part time, and an additional 24 million school-age children are in some form of child care outside of school time; and

**WHEREAS**, Provider Appreciation Day offers a unique opportunity to recognize and commend child care providers for their dedication, compassion and strong family values; and

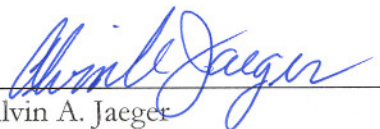
**WHEREAS**, North Dakota Child Care Providers, the North Dakota Department of Human Services and other organizations across the state are working together to call attention to the importance of quality child care services for all children and families, and to enhance the quality and availability of such services; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize child care providers for the important work they do every day in shaping the lives and futures of our children.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 8, 2009, **PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

  
John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State